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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

BRIGHT ET AL.

Examiner

Jingge Wu

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 32 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 07 July 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-11, 15-24, 46, 47, 56, 57, 59-61, 65, 66 and 84-90 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) -11, 15-24, 46-47, 56-57, 59-61, 65-66, 84-90 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

1. The request filed on April 5, 2002 for a Continued Prosecution Application (CPA) under 37 CFR 1.53(d) based on parent Application No. 09/186247 is acceptable and a CPA has been established. An action on the CPA follows.

The preliminary amendment filed on July 7, 2004 is entered and made of the record.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 371(c) of this title before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent.

3. Claims 1, 3, 9, 15, 18-19, 21-22, 46-49, 59-61, 65-66, 85-90 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by US 6256349 to Suzuki et al. ("Suzuki" a reference of record).

As to claim 1, Suzuki discloses a method for digitally processing integer transform data representing a phenomenon, the method comprising:

performing an inverse transform of said integer transform data (after quantized in encoding side, the data is integer data transformed) to the real domain forming

high-precision numbers (Fig. 2 element 84, col. 3 line 1-col. 4 line 14 and col. 12 lines 36-61, col. 29 lines 36-37); and

directly manipulating said high-precision numbers to produce an effect (Fig. 2, col. 12, lines 33-col. 13, line 64, note that the effect can be prediction image etc.).

As to claim 3, Suzuki further discloses the phenomenon is an image (Fig. 2).

As to claims 9 and 22, Suzuki further discloses IDCT(col. 12, lines 55-62).

As to claim 15, Suzuki further discloses inverse quantization (Fig. 2 element 83).

As to claims 18-19, Suzuki further discloses the coded data are image and video data (abstract).

As to claim 21, Suzuki further discloses MPEG (col. 1, line 48-50).

As to claims 46-49, 59-61, 65-66 the claims 46-47, 59-61 and 65-66 are the corresponding system, article of manufacture, and program storage device claims to claims 1, 3, and 15. The discussion are addressed with regard to claims 1, 3, and 15.

As to 85-90, the elements are addressed with regard to claims 1 and 15.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 103

4. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

5. Claims 2, 4-8, 10-11, 16-17, 20, 23-24, 55-57 and 84 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Suzuki in view of US 6178205 to Cheung et al. ("Cheung" a reference of record).

As to claims 2 and 16, Suzuki does not explicitly mention manipulating , clipping the integers to an allowed range forming converted image.

Cheung, in an analogous environment, discloses converting said high-precision numbers to integers and clipping the integers to an allowed range forming converted image (col. 10, lines 30-46, note that converting and clipping is one kind of manipulating).

It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to include the scheme of Cheung in the method of Suzuki in order to improve the output quality of the images (Cheung, col. 1, line 50-col.2, line 21). Doing so would remove the blocking effect and errors in the output image so that the quality of the method is improved.

As to claim 8, Cheung further discloses fraction parts (col. 7, table 2).

As to claims 4-7, 10-11, 17, 20, 23-24, 55-57, Cheung does not explicitly mention the features of chroma-key merging, color correction, image rotation (90 degree), floating number, IDWT, IDFT, entropy decoding, JPEG, raster display monitor, spectral analysis and audio signal.

However, the examiner takes Official Notice that these features are notoriously well known in the art.

It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to include these features in the method of Cheung in order to improve the quality of the images.

Contact Information

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications should be directed to Jingge Wu whose telephone number is (703) 308-9588. He can normally be reached Monday through Thursday from 8:00 am to 5:30 pm. The examiner can be also reached on second alternate Fridays.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to TC customer service whose telephone number is (703) 306-0377.

If attempts to reach the Examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the Examiner's supervisor, Amelia Au, can be reached at (703) 308-6604.

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